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Papers enclosed:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form 1449 w/ 3 references
3. Copy of Japanese Office Action dated April 28, 2004 with English Translation



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For: CONTENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION METHOD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form 1449 and a full copy of each of these documents accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in an Office Action issued April 28, 2004, during the prosecution of international application no. 2000-229737, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, and a copy of the Office Action and each document cited thereon are enclosed as well.

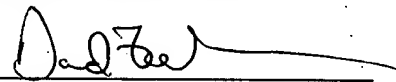
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document is prior art. Moreover, Applicant(s) understand(s) the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the application or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-1952, under Order No. 393032027400.

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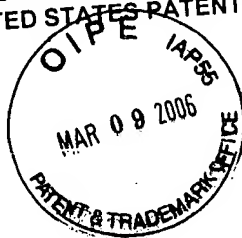
Enclosed are the following:

1. Transmittal form;
2. Supplemental Information disclosure statement;
3. Form PTO SB/08/a/b;
4. copy of Japanese office action;
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98**

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. A copy of the document is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

The document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b was cited in a Japanese office action (copy enclosed) mailed on February 7, 2006, directed to a counterpart foreign application and has not been previously cited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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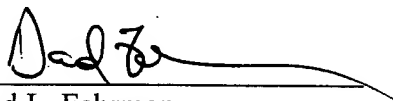
Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08a/b, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98 is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief (such as payment of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p)) is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Director to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 393032027400.

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- Implementation of Digital Archive (※1)

Image Mall Japan centers on the business of keeping images deposited from copyright owners and owners (content holders) of content items, digitizing and online-marketing the images to members. Image Mall Japan is collecting marketable works both at home and abroad to construct a world's biggest digital archive. FIG. 1 shows the scheme of implementation of Image Mall Japan's digital content business.

- Content Production Related Business (※2)

Image Mall Japan produces and markets high-quality duplicated images, electronic publications, CS satellite-delivered programs, programs for CATV digital broadcasting, etc., putting various technologies to full use such as producing image and video digital content items, editing text information and CG technology.

Image Mall Japan also conducts business of online-transmitting high-quality images. This business helps cultural facilities, medical facilities, public institutions, etc. practice public relations to their users.

The content production related business also includes total solution business in untapped fields such as planning and producing an electronic art museum that promotes novel visual aesthetics and intuitive display systems, and constructing a cyber museum on the Internet.

- Arrangements for Protecting Rights (※3)

As measures for right protection provided to gain the understanding of copyright owners, Image Mall Japan protects rights of works in three tiers of arrangements: access control, quality control, and security control.

- (1) Access Control

Image Mall Japan does not provide unspecified people with its services, but limits its target to members only. Because of the membership system, restrictions on the use are ensured by regulations. Consequently, rights of copyright owners are protected with fraud prevention being maintained.

(2) Quality (Image Quality) Control

On constructing a digital archive, in many cases, pieces of material are photographed, digitized by scanner, and registered. At this point, various image quality is provided from a rough level for displaying a list for image searching to a high-resolution level for printing. In other words, pieces of digital data having various different quality are created from one picture. Members are allowed to view images having a level for displaying a list on the Internet. Those images are clear enough to view on a screen but are inadequate in quality for electronic publishing and printing. Only licensed customers are allowed to obtain data having good quality enough to be electronic-published or printed.

(3) Security Control

On providing data having quality suitable for electronic publishing or printing, Image Mall Japan employs electronic watermark, which is the technology for embedding information about a purchaser into image data and analyzing the data with a purpose-built reading tool to read the information. The electronic watermark can serve as a strong deterrent against unauthorized use. On providing data through a network, furthermore, Image Mall Japan also plans to apply cryptographic technology for higher confidentiality in order to prevent tapping and tampering.

However, these arrangements are to be modified in accordance with changes in social surroundings and awareness of copyright owners, and technological advances.